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To provide for the transfer of the decommissioned Naval Security Group Activity, Skaggs Island, in Sonoma County, California, from the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Interior for conversion into a wildlife refuge for inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY (for herself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR, Mr. HONDA, Ms. LEE, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. STARK, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Ms. SPEIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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A BILL

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1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2   *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION, DECOMMISSIONED NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY, SKAGGS ISLAND.

(a) TRANSFER REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Navy shall transfer, without reimbursement, the decommissioned Naval Security Group Activity, Skaggs Island, in Sonoma County, California, to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of permitting the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to administer the transferred property as a wildlife refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(b) REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES.—Before completing the transfer of the property described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Navy shall demolish and remove all structures on the property identified by the Secretary of the Interior as appropriate for removal to facilitate the conversion of the property into a wildlife refuge.

(c) MANAGEMENT OF REMEDIATION.—The Secretary of the Navy shall continue to be responsible for environmental remediation activities with respect to the property described in subsection (a) that, at a minimum, achieve the standard sufficient to allow the property to be used as a habitat for fish and wildlife and as a recreational property for outdoor education and environmental appreciation.

1   (d) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS; USE.—To help
2 cover the costs of demolishing and removing structures on
3 the property described in subsection (a) and conducting
4 environmental remediation activities with respect to the
5 property, the Secretary may accept contributions from the
6 State of California and other entities for such purposes.
7 Amounts received shall be merged with other amounts
8 available to the Secretary to carry out this section and
9 shall remain available to the Secretary, without further
10 appropriation and until expended.

11   (e) APPLICABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.—In
12 connection with the remediation and transfer of the prop-
13 erty described in subsection (a), nothing in this section
14 shall be construed to affect or limit the application of, or
15 any obligation of the Department of the Navy to comply
16 with—

17   (1) environmental laws of the United States, in-
18   cluding the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
19   Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C.
20   9601 et seq.) and the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
21   U.S.C. 6901 et seq.); and

22   (2) environmental regulations of the State of
23   California.

24   (f) PROGRESS REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90

1 days thereafter until remediation activities with respect to

2 the property described in subsection (a) are completed, the

3 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the

4 progress made in connection with the remediation and

5 transfer of the property.

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